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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT : Target Priorities

There is now a photo reconnaissance priority target list available in the intelligence office of this project.

This list contains a compilation of the most important targets in the USSR best suited for utilizing photo interpretation techniques. The list was compiled from all of the information now available to project personnel but is subject to several limitations.

1. It only represents the opinion of the authors of this list as to what targets are actually considered of prime importance to the entire intelligence community.

2. It is compiled from information which is for the most part at least several years old.

3. The list was compiled without the benefit of some types of special current intelligence.

In order to arrive at priorities for this project the following assumptions were made.

1. The peripheral areas have a relatively low priority for this project because this information may be gathered by other means either covertly or by overflight.

2. That intelligence targets which are not adapted to photo intelligence techniques are necessarily excluded from this list regardless of their potential value to the intelligence community.

3. That targets of first priority are those which might disclose new information about Russias possible intentions or capabilities to initiate an attack against the U.S.

4. That targets which would yield vital aggregative data on all aspects of USSR economy and military potential are of secondary importance.

5. That targets for geodetic mapping, bombing encyclopedia information etc., are of priority three caliber.

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In reference to your memorandum of 20 October 1955 concerning a concept and procedures for obtaining customer intelligence requirements for project AQUATONE it is felt that the present limitations of our target list will be removed once a plan like yours is fulfilled. The intelligence section is anxious to revise and bring our present photo reconnaissance target material up to date and then keep it that way.



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